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FEBRUARY 8-18, 1976

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1. FURTHER TO INFORMATION ALREADY PROVIDED IN REFTELS
(B) AND (C): DURING A SOCIAL OCCASION LAST NIGHT,
DEPUTY PERMREP INFORMALLY RAISED SUBJECT MEETING WITH
EGYPTIAN PERMREP, AMBASSADOR EL-WAKIL, WHO SAID
HIS GOVERNMENT HAS NOMINATED ONE EXPERT FROM DEPARTMENT
OF ANTIQUITIES TO ATTEND WARSAW MEETING. EL-WAKIL
ASSURED THERE IS NO INTENTION ON PART GOE TO RAISE ANY
POLITICAL ISSUE AT MEETING BUT TO CONFINE TO TECHNICAL
AND SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF DRAFT DOCUMENT. HE WAS
NOT AWARE OF ANY HOSTILE INTENTIONS ON PART OF
OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES CONCERNING SUBJECT MEETING AND
SUGGESTED THAT "ONE SHOULD NOT RAISE ANY SPECTER OF
DANGER WHICH MAY ONLY INVITE TROUBLE."

COMMENT: WHILE WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT SINCERITY OF
AMB. EL-WAKIL'S REMARK, WE KNOW THAT HE CAN NOT SPEAK

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FOR OTHER ARABS WHO MAY ATTEND OUR CREDO IS "NOT

ALARMIST BUT ALERTIST."

2. OUR BEST READING OF THE SITUATION AT THIS TIME IS THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED AT WARSAW MEETING PRIMARILY BY ONE OR TWO TECHNICAL EXPERTS. WE ALSO KNOW THAT SOME DELEGATIONS WILL INCLUDE A MEMBER FROM PARIS PERMDELS STAFF, WHICH IS NORMAL PRACTICE HERE.
3. RE REFTEL (A) WE SHOULD LIKE TO REITERATE

PERMREP'S RECOMMENDATION THAT US DELEGATION SHOULD INCLUDE TWO-THREE TECHNICAL EXPERTS, PLUS DEPUTY PERMREP TO PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPORT, USEFUL PERSONAL TIES WITH MEMBERS OF SECRETARIAT AND OTHER PERMDELS LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN SUBJECT MEETING, AND DESIRED CONTINUITY OF EFFORTS, NOW AND AT NEXT GENCONF (OCT-NOV 1976) WHEN DRAFT RECOMMENDATION WILL BE PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE REPLY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PERPARATIONS HERE AND IN WASHINGTON, AND TO ASSURE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN WARSAW.
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